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DEADLINE APPROACHING FOR GREEN SPACE & PUBLIC FACILITIES
GRANTS

Applications for the new Brownfields Green Space & Public Facilities Grant program are due to DNR by January 17, 2003. This program has \$1 million available to help local governments fund environmental remediation at properties that will result in a public benefit. Projects that can be funded include the preservation of green space, the development of recreation areas, or use of the property by a local government. Grants can be awarded for up to \$200,000, and require a match from the local government or their non-profit partner. You can access more information about the Green Space & Public Facilities grant, as well as the application and instructions, on the DNR web site at: http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/aw/rr/rbrownfields/greenspace_grant.htm If you have questions about the Green Space program, please contact Michael Prager at michael.prager@dnr.state.wi.us or at 608-261-4927, or Jessica Milz at jessica.milz@dnr.state.wi.us or at 608-267-0559.

DRAFT CHLORINATED HYDROCARBON GUIDANCE AVAILABLE

New draft guidance, "Understanding Chlorinated Hydrocarbon Behavior in Groundwater: Investigation, Assessment and Limitations of Monitored Natural Attenuation" is now available on our web site at http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/aw/rr/general/Cl_NA_Guidance_draft.pdf The document provides guidance on characterizing, assessing and monitoring sites where monitored natural attenuation of chlorinated hydrocarbons is being considered as part of a cleanup strategy. The guidance emphasizes chlorinated hydrocarbon behavior in the subsurface, the use of rapid site investigation techniques to help define degree and extent of contamination, establishing a groundwater monitoring network, assessment of groundwater monitoring data, long-term monitoring, and regulatory requirements applied to MNA. We will accept comments on this guidance until January 24, 2003. We ask that groups interested in commenting on the guidance (such as consulting firms) submit one set of combined comments per firm. We will not directly respond to comments, but will take them into consideration when finalizing this guidance. Please send your comments to Terry Evanson by e-mail (Theresa.Evanson@dnr.state.wi.us)

or to Terry Evanson - RR/3, Department of Natural Resources, P.O. Box 7921, Madison, WI 53707.

HOW TO SUBMIT GPS COORDINATES IN THE SITE INVESTIGATION REPORT

Geographic position system (GPS) coordinates are required for each property within the boundary of a contaminated site, as stated in s. NR 716.15(2)(k)1.- 4, Wis. Admin. Code. We've had some questions about the best way to collect and report this information to DNR. GPS location coordinates should be reported to DNR on the site facilities map in the site investigation report. This map is required by s. NR 716.15(2)(d)6, which states that maps in the report must include "one site layout map which depicts the site's property boundaries, named and unnamed roads or access points, surface water features, underground utilities, buildings...", etc. Please put the coordinates on the map in the actual location from which they were collected on each property within the contamination boundary. This will provide a consistent location for DNR staff to find the GPS coordinates. It will also help us streamline review and processing of this information for inclusion in our databases on the internet. Please continue to include the supporting documentation for GPS coordinates in the text of the site investigation report. For properties less than 80 feet wide or long, collect the GPS location as close to the center of the property as possible. For properties that are more than 80 feet wide or long, but less than 200 feet wide or long, collect the GPS location from at least 40 feet inside the boundary of the property. For properties that are more than 200 feet wide or long, multiple coordinates describing a polygon are required.

EPA CITES DNR WASTE CLEANUP LIABILITY PROGRAM AS NATIONAL MODEL

EPA is touting a pilot project in Wisconsin that limits hazardous waste (RCRA) cleanup liability for municipalities and lenders. Robert Springer, director of EPA's Office of Solid Waste, says the Wisconsin pilot is a possible national model even though no Wisconsin municipalities or lenders have yet taken advantage of the pilot. Under Wisconsin's "enforcement discretion pilot," the state can decline to take enforcement action under RCRA against municipalities and real estate lenders that agree to acquire contaminated property, if they were not responsible for causing the contamination. The goal is to encourage

municipalities and lenders to take title to brownfields and increase the chances they will be cleaned up and redeveloped. Otherwise, those seeking to redevelop brownfields say concerns about liability for contamination they did not create often dissuades them from acquiring contaminated sites. EPA and DNR agree that the first lender or municipality to utilize the pilot will provide a good demonstration of how it works. Information about the pilot project, including the letters from EPA, are on our web site at

<http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/aw/rr/liability/index.htm>

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